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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0959

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, PP

SUBJ: MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ADVOCATES ANZUS BASE IN PNG

1. MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM MANUS, MICHAEL PONDROS, INTRODUCED MOTION INTO PARLIAMENT AUG 26 THAT "IN VIEW OF THE CONCERN OVER RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN REGIONS, THIS PARLIAMENT CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE ANZUS PACT COUNTRIES TO RE-ESTABLISH MANUS AS A NAVAL AND AIR FORCE BASE."

2. LEADER OF OPPOSITION SIR TEI ABAL MOVED AMENDMENT TO REMOVE WORD "RUSSIAN" FROM MOTION.

3. FONMIN KIKI SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO PONDROS' MOTION STATING INTER ALIA "WE KNOW THAT RUSSIA HAS ALREADY  
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STARTED MOVING INTO THE PACIFIC TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN

ACTIVITIES, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD NOT WORRY ABOUT THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE A STRONG COUNTRY BUT WE SHOULD CONSIDER OUR OWN DEVELOPMENT ... AND NOT THINK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE." KIKI CALLED UPON PONDROS TO WITHDRAW THE MOTION.

4. MEMBER OF OPPOSITION ANTON PARAO (ENGA) SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION, SAYING PNG SHOULD CHOOSE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

5. MOTION WAS PASSED, BUT IS NOT BINDING ON GOVERNMENT. PONDROS HAS PROPOSED OTHER LEGISLATION OF SIMILAR NATURE, AS HE IS VERY DESIROUS OF GETTING ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR HIS DEPRESSED CONSTITUENCY.

6. DFAT HAS APPROACHED THIS EMBASSY, THE AUSTRALIAN HICOM AND PRESUMABLY THE NEW ZEALAND HICOM TO ASK OUR REACTION AND TO FIND OUT IF WE WERE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A BASE ON MANUS. SABUMEI, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DFAT, MADE IT CLEAR TO ME THAT GPNG HOPED FOR A NEGATIVE RESPONSE. I TOLD HIM THE OFFICIAL, FORMAL REACTION SHOULD COME FROM WASHINGTON BUT MY OWN BELIEF WAS THAT THE USG WOULD REACT NEGATIVELY TO THE RESOLUTION. SABUMEI WAS RELIEVED, BUT ASKED FOR AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON. DFAT HAS TO PREPARE A FORMAL REPLY TO THE MOTION, AND WANTS TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT NONE OF THE ANZUS COUNTRIES IS INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A BASE ON MANUS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM US OF WORDING TO USE IN RESPONDING TO DFAT ABOUT ESTABLISHING AN ANZUS BASE ON MANUS.  
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